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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Margaret E. Black  
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For : Thymidine Kinase Mutants and Fusion Proteins Having Thymidine  
Kinase and Guanylate Kinase Activities

Examiner : Christian L. Fronda

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 21, 2007, please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.